

**Amendments to the Claims:**

## Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A toothpaste composition comprising:

a binder; a surface active agent; an abrasive; a humectant; and water; in which:

the abrasive is silica, the composition additionally comprises a silica thickener, and the composition comprises 1 to 7 wt% of the silica thickener, less than 15 wt% of the silica abrasive, 45 to 70 wt% water, 0.8 to 3.0 wt% of a surface active agent; 0.05 to 3.0 wt% the binder; or

~~the abrasive is silica, the composition additionally comprises a silica thickener, the composition comprises 2 to 22 wt% total silica, 0.8 to 3.0 wt% of a surface active agent; 0.05 to 3.0 wt% the binder, and the composition additionally comprises about 0.1 to 8.0 wt% of non colloidal microcrystalline cellulose, colloidal microcrystalline cellulose, or a mixture thereof; or~~

~~the binder is a calcium based abrasive, the binder is a cellulose gum, and the composition comprises 25 to 55 wt% of the calcium based abrasive, 35 to 60 wt% water, 0.8 to 3.0 wt% of the surface active agent, and 1.0 to 3.0 wt% of the binder.~~

2. Cancelled

3. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 12 in which the composition comprises 50 to 70 wt% water.

4. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 12 in which the composition comprises 60 to 70 wt% water.

5. (Currently Amended) The composition of any of claims 1, 32 to 4 in which the composition has an as made viscosity of less than 200,000 cp.

6. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 5 in which the composition has an as

made viscosity of 80,000 cp to 180,000 cp.

7. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 6 in which the composition has an as made viscosity of 120,000 cp to 155,000 cp.

8. (Currently Amended) The composition of any of claims 1, 32 to 7 in which the binder is selected from the group consisting of carrageenan, cellulose gums, and xanthan.

9. (Currently Amended) The composition of any of claims 1, 32 to 8 in which the composition additionally comprises 0.1 to 8.0 wt% of non-colloidal microcrystalline cellulose, colloidal microcrystalline cellulose, or a mixture thereof.

10. (Currently Amended) The composition of any of claims 1, 32 to 8 in which the composition additionally comprises 0.2 to 4.0 wt% of non-colloidal microcrystalline cellulose, colloidal microcrystalline cellulose, or a mixture thereof.

11. Cancelled

12. Cancelled

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21. Cancelled

22. (Original) The composition of any preceding claim in which the composition additionally comprises a flavoring and a sweetener.